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1. EMBASSY MUST RELY ON 1977 EDITION OF BULGARIAN STATISTICAL HANDBOOK FOR ESTIMATES OF NUMBERS OF AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN AND TOURISTS VISITING BULGARIA. MANY OF THE AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN WHO CALL ON THE EMBASSY COME TO BULGARIA WITH TOURIST VISAS. THEREFORE, THE NUMBER OF BUSINESSMEN COMING TO BULGARIA IS SOMEWHAT HIGHER THAN THAT INDICATED BY THE HANDBOOK AND, SIMILARLY, THE NUMBER OF TOURISTS SHOULD BE LESS THAN THAT SHOWN BY THE BULGARIAN STATISTICS. THESE TOTALS ARE FOR 1976 BUT SHOULD NOT BE GREATLY AT VARIANCE WITH PRESENT ESTIMATES. AS FOR THE OTHER CATEGORIES REQUESTED REFTEL, EMBASSY HAS PROVIDED ITS OWN BEST ESTIMATES.

2. THERE ARE NO AMERICANS CATEGORIZED REFTEL RESIDING IN BULGARIA, THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF AMERICANS VISITING BULGARIA ANNUALLY ARE:

JOURNALISTS	6
BUSINESSMEN	1621
STUDENTS	10

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SEAMEN NOT AVAILABLE (THOUGH
 PROBABLY VERY FEW)

TOURISTS	5294
OFFICIAL VISITORS	100
TRANSIT VISITORS	8322

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